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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF LABOR AND TEACHER LEADER SENTENCES

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1. ON JUNE 2 THE PICHINCHA (QUITO) POLICE COMMISSIONER (INTENDENTE) ANNOUNCED THAT THE PENDING (SINCE MAY 1977) SENTENCES OF FIVE LABOR AND TEACHER LEADERS HAD BEEN REPEALED. THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN SENTENCED (IN ABSENTIA) TO SIX MONTH PRISON TERMS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ILLEGAL GENERAL AND TEACHERS' STRIKES OF MAY 17, 1977. AMONG THOSE WHOSE SENTENCES WERE REPEALED WAS EMILIO VELASCO, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNIST SPLINTER OF THE CEDOC LABOR CONFEDERATION, WHO HAD FLED TO A BLOC COUNTRY TO AVOID PRISON. NOTABLY ABSENT FROM THE LIST WAS JUAN VASQUE, PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET-LINE CTE LABOR CONFEDERATION, WHO IS REPORTEDLY IN THE SOVIET UNION.

2. THE REPEAL FOLLOWS A VISIT OF UNE REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE NEW UNDER SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT,
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ENRIQUE LEON. FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE TEACHER LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR OPTIMISM THAT THE RECENT DECISION WOULD LEAD TO A GENERAL AMNESTY AND TO THE RELEASE OF MIGUEL ANTON AND JULIO AYALA, THE TWO TEACHERS PRESENTLY SERVING TWO YEAR SENTENCES.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY SEES CERTAIN HOPE IN THE

REPEAL OF THE SENTENCES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE
GOE HAS INDICATED ANY WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON
THE SENTENCES OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE MAY 1977
STRIKES. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT NOT ONE
OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST HAS ACTUALLY BEEN
ARRESTED. VELASCO HAS FLED THE COUNTRY BUT THERE HAS
BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE THE SENTENCES AGAINST THE
OTHERS.
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